

THE VINES LINED UP FOR NME 5.0 SHOWS

Hotly-tipped Australian rock newcomers **The Vines** will make their UK debut next month with four *NME* 5.0 Shows.

The Vines have been recording their debut album in Los Angeles. The album is set to be titled 'Highly Evolved', which is also the name of their new single, released via Heavenly on April 8.

As part of *NME*'s 50th birthday celebrations, The Vines will play at Brighton Free Butt (March 6), London Camden Monarch (7), Nottingham Social (8) and Bristol Louisiana (9). British newcomers **The Libertines**, recently signed to Rough Trade, are the support band. Tickets are £6, except London which is £7. The Vines have also been added to the bill for **Doves'** *NME* show with **The Music** at the London Astoria on April 5.

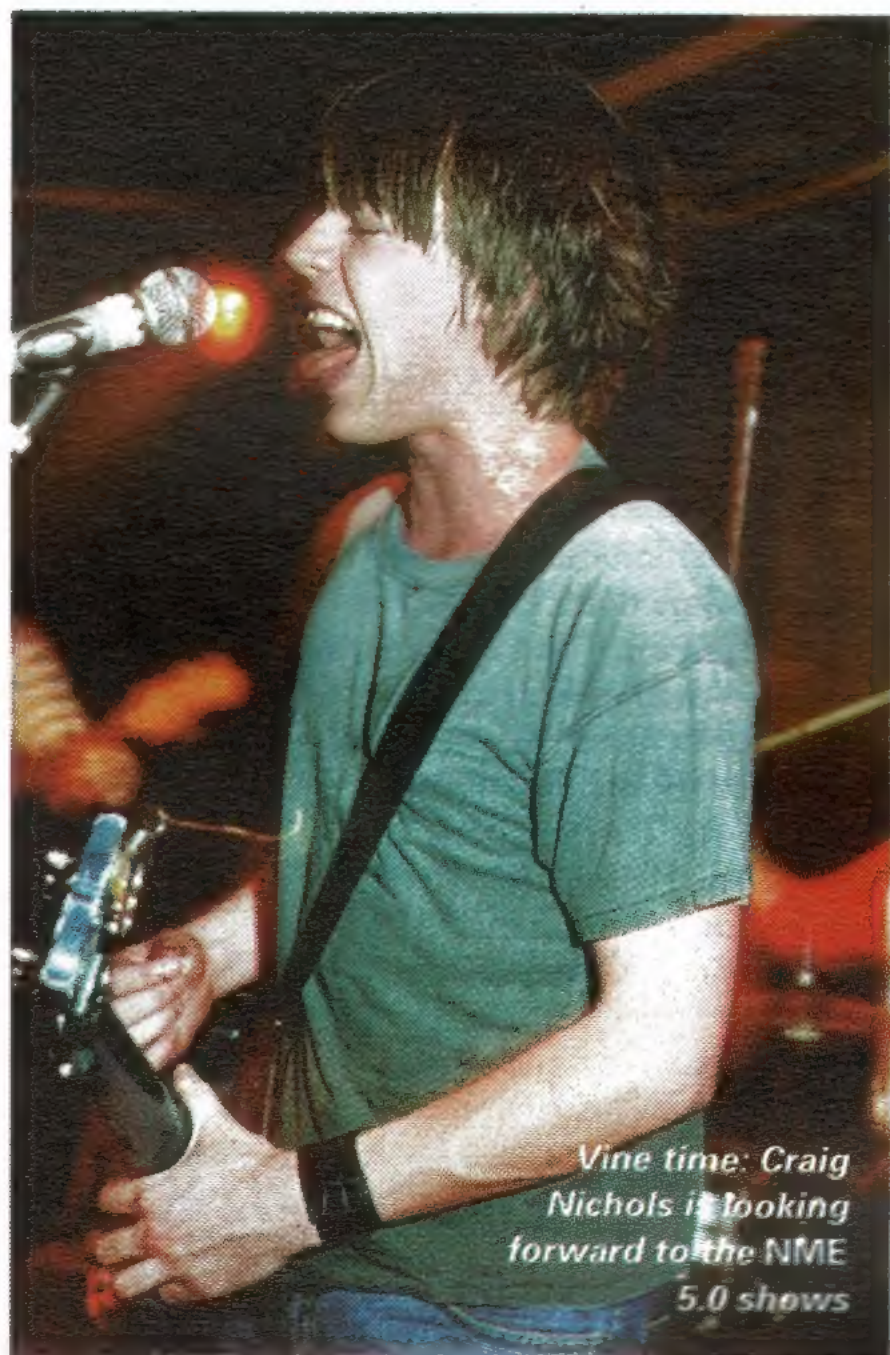
Speaking exclusively to *NME*, The Vines' singer/guitarist Craig Nichols said: "It will be the first time in Britain for us, so I'm pretty excited."

The single has been compared to Nirvana. "I think they are a big influence on us," Craig told *NME*. "When we first started out we used to play a few Nirvana covers."

The album has been recorded with Beck and Foo Fighters producer Rob Schnapf and is due in the summer.

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Vine time: Craig Nichols is looking forward to the *NME* 5.0 shows